

## Important Information about the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program 2008 (EUC08):

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### Q. What is EUC08?

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**A.** Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) is a federally funded program that provides payments to unemployed individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment. **EUC08 has four levels, called Tiers.**

**Tier 1 (20 weeks)** – To be eligible for EUC08 benefits under Tier 1, a claimant must have:

- Exhausted regular benefits on or before the week ending May 22, 2010.
- Filed a claim for Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending May 29, 2010, with an effective date of May 23, 2010 or before.

**Tier 2 (14 weeks)** – To be eligible for EUC08 benefits under Tier 2, a claimant must have:

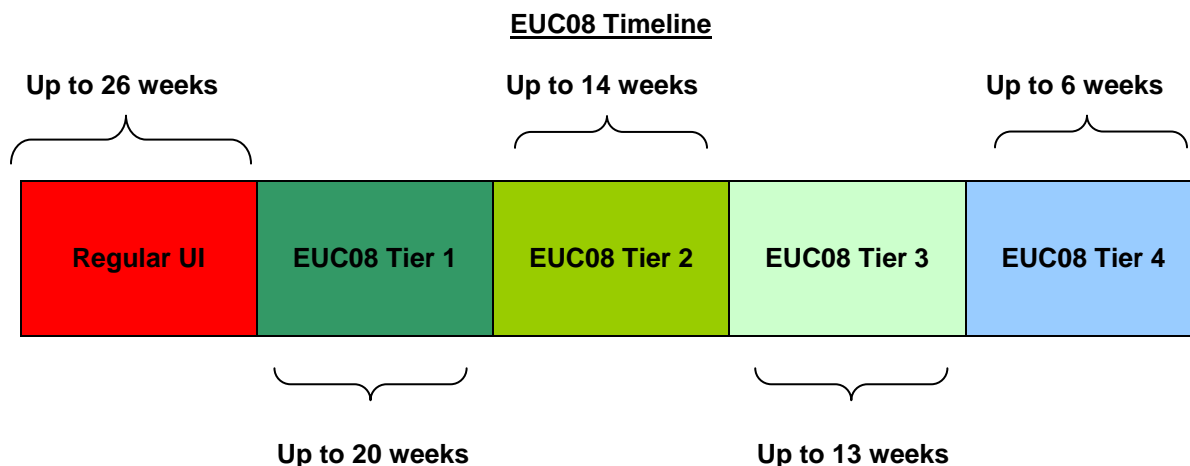
- Exhausted all entitlement to Tier 1 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending May 29, 2010.

**Tier 3 (13 weeks)** – To be eligible for EUC08 benefits under Tier 3, a claimant must have:

- Exhausted all entitlement to Tier 1 and Tier 2 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending May 29, 2010.

**Tier 4 (6 weeks)** – To be eligible for EUC08 benefits under Tier 4, a claimant must have:

- Exhausted all entitlement to Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Emergency Benefits on or before the week ending May 29, 2010.



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### Q. Who is eligible for EUC08?

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**A.** Unemployed claimants whose regular UI benefits expired before May 22, 2010 may be eligible for EUC08. Claimants cannot be eligible for a new, regular unemployment compensation claim in the District of Columbia, another state, or Canada. Claimants who qualify for this federal program will be notified by mail of their eligibility and next steps.

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### Q. If a claimant is currently filing for regular benefits, does the claimant have to file an application for EUC08?

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**A.** Yes. An EUC08 application will be mailed **after he or she has collected the maximum amount of regular benefits available**. If the claimant is eligible for EUC08 and remains partially or totally unemployed, the claimant **MUST** continue to file weekly certifications as he or she did for regular benefits.

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**Q. When does the EUC08 Program expire?**

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**A. The United States Congress is still debating a bill that will extend the eligibility dates for the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program 2008 (EUC08) until November 30, 2010.\*** Currently, the program is set to phase out the first week in June; the last payable week of EUC08 benefits is November 6, 2010.

## **Regarding Other Extended Benefits Programs:**

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**Q. What is the difference between the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) Program and the federal Extended Benefits (EB) Program?**

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The Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program is a federally funded program that provides payments to unemployed individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits. The Extended Benefits (EB) Program provides benefits to claimants who have exhausted regular UI benefits **and** all EUC08 benefits. According to the federal government, the District of Columbia is in a High Unemployment Period (HUP), which allows eligible claimants to receive additional weeks of benefits. Claimants who qualify for these programs will be automatically notified.

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**Q. What are the eligibility requirements for EB?**

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**A. Claimants must meet the following criteria in order to receive EB:**

- Claimants must have exhausted all regular UI benefits **and** all EUC08 benefits.
- Claimants cannot be eligible for unemployment benefits on a new, regular claim in DC, another state, or Canada.
- Claimants **MUST** submit Work Search information each week. Work Search information can be supplied online or it may be submitted by mailing in a completed weekly claim form.

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**Q. What if I have received EB in the past?**

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**A. For those claimants who have remaining weeks of Extended Benefits, an EB notification order will **automatically** be sent in the mail when EUC08 Tier 4 is exhausted. This pay order will show the claimant's EB balance.**

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**Q. What if I have never received EB?**

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**A. For those claimants who qualify, but have never claimed EB, a monetary determination and an EB pay order will be sent in the mail. Eligible claimants **do not** need to file a new claim.**

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**Q. When does the EB Program expire?**

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**A. The EB Program is set to expire on June 12, 2010.**

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**Q. What if a claimant has benefit weeks remaining under the local Additional Benefits (AB) Program?**

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**A. The local Additional Benefits program **expired on November 6, 2009**, when President Obama signed the extension for EUC08. **AB program benefits are no longer available.****

## **Extended Benefits in the News:**

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